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AP Stringer Jailed In Iraq Rebellion

Frank J. Starzel, general manager of AP, has cabled Iraq's Gen. Abdul Karim el-Kassem asking his personal intervention in the jailing of AP stringer Farid Oufi.

Oufi, 28-year-old city editor of Baghdad's daily, *Al Akhbar*, and an AP stringer since 1955, was among some 30 Iraqi citizens jailed after the revolt.

Stan Carter of AP's Rome bureau, first American newsman to reach Baghdad, was informed of Oufi's arrest.

There was some indication that the charge involved an Oufi dispatch mentioning rumors that former Premier Fadhil Jamali was among those slain in the rebellion, but this could not be confirmed.

Actually, the only Oufi stories AP received came in on July 16, one repeating official Baghdad radio reports of July 14 and the other announcing departure of Hashim Jawad as Iraq's UN delegate-designate.

Starzel's cable read:

"Respectfully request your intervention behalf AP correspondent Farid Oufi who, according to our information was imprisoned due to filing dispatch deemed embarrassing to the Republican

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UN PRESSROOM "ALERTED"

Expecting a record press gathering of 2,000 newsmen when and if a summit parley materializes, UN press officials planned calmly this week for the event.

Wilder Foote, director of information, mapped needs for more floor space, communications facilities and accreditation. With offers of space in nearby buildings and lobby areas convertible, he foresaw no major problem.

Largest gathering at the UN to date was the 800 assembled for the 1956 Suez-Hungary crisis, with 460 newsmen filing. At Geneva, the 1955 summit session attracted 2,000.

Matt Gordon, press information chief, predicted that physical arrangements could be made in two days when the meeting is scheduled. Meanwhile, negotiations for the summit session have already boosted the press corps on hand.

CALENDAR





RYAN

HUNTLEY

Tues., Aug. 5 — Open House. Correspondents who covered Middle East, including William L. Ryan, foreign affairs analyst for AP, and Chet Huntley, NBC. Cocktails, 6:15, dinner, 7:00 p.m.

Ryan and Huntley returned this week from special assignments in the Middle East.

Reservations, please.

Wed., Aug. 27 - All-Day Outing to West Point.

(See story, page 2.)

"SENIOR" MEMBERS VOTED DUES CUTS

Reduction in dues for "retired" and "over 70" OPC members, both in the active and associate categories, was voted unanimously at the last meeting of the Board of Governors.

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The By-Laws amendment adopted provides that after Oct. 1, 1958, "senior" members will pay dues as charged to members serving overseas, at \$15 a year.

Rules and age standards for establishing this new retirement status are based on Social Security practices. Female members, if retired, are eligible at 62; male members, if retired, are eligible at age 65. And from age 70, all active and associate members qualify regardless of employment status. Affiliate members will not receive this benefit.

Since the Club has no age records on members, the necessary data must be supplied by the members to John Luter, Secretary, or Larry Newman, Treasurer. Such information will be considered confidential.

In cases where retirement and age status is not clearly determined, billing at the regular rate will continue.

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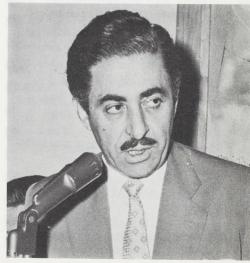
Lebanese Envoy to UN Hails U.S. Troops

Presence of American troops in Lebanon during an election has no more effect on the justice of the poll than the presence of U.S. forces in NATO countries has on balloting there, an OPC dinner group was informed Tuesday evening.

Dr. Karim Azkoul, permanent representative of Lebanon to the UN, told the Open House gathering that his nation will need the protection of American arms until UN forces provide a shield against foreign intervention.

American troops were requested both to protect against "massive intervention" in the form of infiltration and against "overt" attack, he declared. Even if rebel forces support the new president, "outside" danger exists today, he said.

While sympathetic to Arab unity moves, Lebanon needs to continue separate existence as a showcase of Moslem-Christian equality and of emphasis on individual freedom, as a bridge between East and West, and as a participant in world culture, he explained.



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OPC TO WEST POINT

Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, West Point commanding general, will be host to an OPC party at the military academy on Aug. 27, *Joe Peters*, External Activities Committee Chairman, has announced.

The one-time Army football coach will hold a cocktail party for OPCers and their families at the end of a day's junket, which is expected to attract 70 people.

The junket includes bus transportation leaving the OPC at 9:30 a.m. and returning after 6:00 p.m. and will include an inspection tour and picnic lunch. Cost is \$5.00, with one guest per member. Chairman Peters has requested early action on reservations.

The External Activities Committee is in charge of OPC special events which do not make money but are for the enjoyment of the members only.

1903 BEAT

It was a rainy night outside Dublin in 1903 when the late Henry Farman took pity on a couple of hitch-hiking U.S. newsmen and got them to a cable office 25 miles away to file on the first international auto "team" race.

Albert S. Crockett, oldest OPC member and one of the pioneer "thumbers," recalled the incident with the reported death of Henry Farman, one of France's top pioneers in automobiles and aviation.

Farman, an unsuccessful entry in the Gordon Bennett Cup Race starting and ending in rural Ballyshannon Cross Roads, spotted the Yankees and drove them to the cable office, Crockett recalls.

The 7-horsepower racer, surviving showers, curving roads, and ruts, may have been responsible for the earliest "beat-by-hitchhiking" in international coverage, Crockett says.

Helen Waterhouse, reporter for Akron Beacon Journal, has covered Cyrus Eaton's "Thinkers Conferences" of educators at Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

OVERSEAS TICKER

HONOLULU

Among OPCers passing through this crossroads of the Pacific was Rembert (Jimmy) James of the Copley papers. Jimmy stopped off for a few days for a look at the Navy and then headed for a Far Eastern tour with visits scheduled in Tokyo, Taipei and Hong Kong.

Also stopping off briefly was *Preston Grover*, AP's chief of bureau in Paris, on his way back to Paris from home leave. He planned brief stop-offs in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

Marvin Stone, former INS chief in Tokyo, spent a few days on the beach at Waikiki with his family on his way back to the U.S. He will attend Columbia Universitythis fall on a one-year Sloane fellowship.

Robert Tuckman

TAIPEL

Two Americans who entered Taiwan as foreign correspondents were indicted by Taipei police for narcotics trafficking.

They are Harry Pelziger, Los Angeles, and Lee Steven Darragh, Pittsburgh. Pelziger was in Taipei formerly as assistant PIO of MAAG-Taiwan. He has served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. When Pelziger returned to Taiwan he said he represented Copley News Service for Asia; the news agency denies the connection.

Darragh's passport lists his profession as "correspondent."

Geraldine Fitch

MANILA

Bob Elegant of Newsweek and his lovely Australian bride, Moira, came over in July for a ten-day vacation from Bob's Hong Kong post. The rains came and they were well-waterlogged at vacation's end.

Jim Becker

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PEOPLE & PLACES

Morgan Beatty, NBC, takes over from Frank Blair as on-the-air editor of news feature radio program, "Life and the World," on Aug. 4 (7:45 p.m., Monday through Friday)... Jack L. Begon, assignment editor for "Life and the World," shifted to "Monitor" Aug. 1... Milburn McCarty, president of his own PR firm. elected vice president of the Dartmouth College Alumni Council... Norman A. Schorr (president, Norman A. Schorr and Co., PR) and wife Thelma (associate editor of American Journal of Nursing) had second child, second daughter, on July 15... Henry W. Bagley (he's with Int'l. Basic. Economy Corp. in Sao Paulo, Brazil) and wife had first child, a son, on June 22.

Simon and Schuster brings out Peter Buckley's Bullfight on Sept. 22...Julien Bryan supplying film and narration for seven-show TV series (Channel 5), "Portrait of U.S.S.R.," Mondays, 8:00 p.m., through Aug. 25...Len Lefkow, former AP staff correspondent in Hong Kong, joined the editorial department of Louisville Times and Courier-Journal... Russell Hill, Radio Free Europe in Berlin, due in New York on home leave about Labor Day...Milton MacKave has articles on political figures in Aug. 2 and Aug. 30 issues of Saturday Evening Post...Gordon Gilmore, TWA, Gerry Wynne, BOAC, and S. Ralph Cohen, Int'l. Air Transport Ass'n., working on Fourth Public Relations Conference of the international airlines scheduled for Hamburg, Germany in November.

Cheva Armor, former women's news editor of European Stars and Stripes, appointed director of publicity for Adelphi College (L.I.)...James Winchester, King Features, to El Salvador, Bermuda and Colorado on assignments... Dr. Henry Singer, formerly with Hilton Int'l., now in charge of public information and education for Connecticut Ass'n. for Mental Health...B. Mathieu Roos, New Yorker, in Mexico on research...Peter J. Celliers, travel editor, Redbook, off to Northwest in August on story-scouting trip.

Charles B. Lynch in Ottawa as bureau chief for Southam Newspapers of Canada...Free-lance writer and lecturer Harrison Forman back from swing around the world...Donald Wayne promoted from assistant managing editor to managing editor of Parade, Jess Gorkin, editor, announced...Norman Lobsenz and Eleanor Rawson shared the platform at Columbia University Writer's Conference in a discussion of writing and editing non-fiction.

Dorothy Omansky back from Colorado where she saw Len Smith in Denver; Smith says visiting firemen should get in touch with him (1217 Ash) and he'll give them whatever help he can...



PAUL M. BUTLER, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who was OPC guest at luncheon on July 24. Butler told the OPC that there must be "integrity in public relations and advertising" as in politics and government. The Democratic Party leader will be followed by a Republican leader as guest of the OPC within a few weeks. Representatives of both parties are being invited to the OPC by the Program Committee during this season.

Free-lancer Nanette Kutner feeling better after her heart attack...Barry Gray radio-interviewed A. Wilfred May on "The Significance of the Middle East Situation to Business and the Stock Market" on July 25...Sid White, former executive editor of INS Tokyo bureau, in Lebanon covering Middle East events.

TELEVISION REPORTING

Television News Reporting, edited by CBS News and published by McGraw-Hill, is a 177-page work frankly intended as a newsroom and classroom handbook.

John F. Day, CBS director of news, declares in the introduction that television journalism is a "new kind of reporting, not merely conventional news coverage employing ingenious visual aids.

"In addition to established principles of journalistic practice, television reporting demands a new technical facility, a revaluation of word reporting, and, eventually, a new way of appraising the news."

CBS News awaits the time "when cameras will record news as it happens on video tape and when pictures on film or tape will be transmitted electronically over leased cables for instantaneous reception at newsfilm stations."

OUR FAR-FLUNG READERS

The Elkhart (Ind.) Truth picked up The Overseas Press Bulletin story on the IPI-sponsored tour of 50 European and Asian editors (May 17 issue, by Frederick H. Sontag).

Dinner, Dateline, \$\$

The final accounting of the Annual Dinner and Dateline Committees was made this week by Arthur Milton, comptroller of both groups, in a communication—and check—sent to Club Treasurer Larry Newman.

Dateline, under the able direction of Ben Wright, vice president of Henry Holt and Company, showed a net profit to the Club of \$3,494.19.

The Annual Dinner, for the first time completely cost-accounted by Committee Chairman *Comelius J. Ryan*, reported a net profit after all expenses of \$732.61. The Dinner Committee reported gross income of \$19,945.00 against expenses of \$19,212.39.

Dateline receipts totaled \$11,200

against expenses of \$7,705.81.

OPC President *Thomas P. Whitney* was high in his praise of both committees and in particular of the two chairmen.

"Connie Ryan and Ben Wright cooperated smoothly in bringing about the success of *Dateline* and the Annual Dinner from every angle. The accounting of the dinner income and expenses is the first complete picture attained in recent years and the profit, however narrow, is a tribute to the efficient and hard-working group headed by Connie Ryan.

"Dateline, under Ben Wright, has set a mark which should be a continuing challenge for future chairmen of this highly important publication committee. Dateline, as a much-needed source of Club income, has been established firmly by Wright. Editorially, it was also a ringing success with a format and content reflecting favorably on the Overseas Press Club."

TIMES NEWS

Bob Doty, the N.Y. Times' Paris bureau chief, is in New York on three months' home leave.

C.L. Sulzberger, editorial columnist with headquarters in Paris, is working in New York temporarily; he'll vacation in the U.S. this summer.

Juan deOnis, former reporter on the city staff in New York, has begun his new assignment as correspondent in Buenos Aires. He replaces *Ed Morrow* who is at present on the city staff in New York.

OPC ON AIR

More than a dozen OPCers spoke on the OPC and on world affairs during the Barry Gray show on radio station WMCA and WIP, Philadelphia, on July 29. OPC First Vice President John Wilhelm and Assistant to President James Sheldon took over for President Thomas P. Whitney who left that day for Haiti to cover events for AP.

STRINGER'S LIFE PRECARIOUS IN LAND WHERE FREE PRESS ISN'T

by James F. Cunningham

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Numerous good-paying stringerships. Abundant feature material. Continuous copy-making political turmoil. Year-around sun, sea and mountain air. Low living costs. Frequent renewal of OPC friendships during revolutions. Apply: seat of pants to Haiti-bound aircraft and take up residence.

San Juan - July 23 - Maybe the sirencall of such an ad tempts you—especially if you've been dreaming about quitting the daily grind, the concrete jungle, the 5:43...and if you still have that book to

get out of your system.

The opportunity is there, all right. But before giving notice and packing your belongings, give an ear to a guy who answered the call ahead of you: the stringer's life is a precarious one—doubly so in a land where the idea of an independent press isn't yet a glitter in some potential father's eye.

While covering the December 1956 revolution against the then-President (now New Yorker) Paul Magloire, I saw chances of becoming my own boss blossoming all over Haiti's green mountain-

sides.

Four months later I resigned my UP staff job in Washington, packed hopes for a few stringerships with my worldly goods, pocketed my savings and caught a Dutch freighter for Port-au-Prince: object—to become an inn-keeping reporter.

Perfect Timing

Less than 24 hours after the boat docked, a cable messenger was at the door with a UP request for a political situationer. I had landed just as Haiti's fourth provisional government in six months entered a battle with the Army to bring off Presidential elections.

More UP queries flowed in as the power struggle sharpened. Only two weeks after my arrival, the army staged a coup and civilian government sympathizers replied with a general strike. In came story requests from Business Week

and Vision.

The general strike climaxed five days later in a 24-hour, tragicomic revolution. Mobs took over the capital and, with the help of a barracks-room political deal, installed their leader (now-New Yorker) Daniel Fignole as Provisional President.

The continuing turmoil developed quite a house for Haitian news in the U.S. press. Story requests arrived from newspapers as scattered as the Washington Star and the San Juan El Mundo. The reporting business was booming for the

only resident American correspondent in Haiti. He thought he "had it made."

This writing kept needed money rolling in while renovation went ahead at the old French mansion which was to become the Villa Quisqueya—a sevenbedroom, mountain inn, bar (voodoo drums for stools) and restaurant (dining on a sweeping, vividly muraled veranda or on a poolside terrace under an ancient mango tree). Political turbulence killed the summer tourist season, but couldn't hurt the Quisqueya. It wasn't open yet.

Fignole Exiled

In mid-June, the Army made more copy by stepping again into politics, exiling Fignole and substituting a military junta government. To cow enraged Fignole supporters, officers waded into the teeming, Port-au-Prince slums at midnight and sprayed the paper-thin shacks at random with machine-guns. Hundreds were killed or wounded. The action was effective. The Fignolists went quiet.

But the method was so brutal that the U.S. stalled recognition of the military government. The Army did not blame itself for the U.S. attitude. It blamed American correspondents for reporting the shootings—and I was the only American correspondent still around when the clippings started coming in.

An officer sought me out and questioned me informally: Didn't I know that this (he waved a clip) was "bad publicity" for Haiti? Why did I send such things when it was clear they would frighten tourists away and give Washington qualms about the new government?

The immigration chief summoned me to his office. The residence permit issued by a previous government, he said, was void unless backed up by a visa from some Haitian consul abroad. He politely, but firmly, told me to leave the country, obtain a visa and reenter. Only a formality, he purred.

To Cuba

The Quisqueya had just opened. I left its management to my capable Haitian partner and headed for Cuba.

After five weeks, my Haitian visa hadn't come through. Friends reported that the Haitian government was prepared to stall indefinitely. I returned as a tourist, arriving just in time for a call to elections. The Quisqueya was still empty, but the mail was full of story requests.

During January I sold *Time* magazine a story, hinting at a power struggle between Kebreau and Duvalier. Word filtered back that Kebreau and aides were furious, but nothing happened until I took off Jan. 30 on a *Time* assignment

to Ciudad Trujillo.

I was scarcely off the ground when Haitian officers arrived at the Quisqueya with an expulsion order dated two days previous and effective the following day. My several part-time employers acted swiftly. IAPA president John O'Rourke hopped in with a company of Haiti-bound, junketing travel writers and flew to the rescue. I landed in Port-au-Prince five minutes before they did and slipped through immigration under their protective cover.

O'Rourke conferred with Duvalier at the Presidential palace. Duvalier indicated that I could stay, but claimed that my visa application papers were not in order. (The same papers had been declared in order four months previously by Haitian authorities who finally issued the visa two and one-half months later.)

Again in Jeopardy

The visa was mine only a few days before events put my residence in jeopardy again. The government arrested editors of opposition newspapers. I reported it. When squads of the government's irregular night-time terrorists sacked the plants of those newspapers, I reported that, too.

The official Haitian Voix de la Republique—government recordings which radio stations are required to broadcast—began on May 27 to quote a Presidential decree, ordering me out of the country on the first available aircraft. Haitian authorities claimed that the expulsion was not prompted by my reporting, but declined to give American Embassy officials or a trouble-shooting *Time* editor any other explanation.

Anybody still interested in a restful tropical paradise—with a small hotel and a few stringerships thrown in?

Andwhich way to the concrete jungle, the 5:43—or maybe a house for some free-lance copy?

A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Cunning-



CUNNINGHAM

ham was also a designated stringer for McGraw-Hill, Revista Aeria, Inter-American Publications as well as a free-lancer for other publications while in Haiti. Fluent in Spanish, French

and Portuguese (as well as English), Cunningham was UP staff correspondent in Washington, D.C. from 1949 to 1957. specializing in Pacific and Latin American affairs and international aviation. mus cen resp

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POLICY ...

The old carnival slogan, "What you save on the ketchup you lose on the mustard," applies strongly to Moscow censorship policy on 14 American correspondents and other foreign newsmen.

So reported Walker Stone, editor-inchief of Scripps-Howard Newspapers, after leaving Russia at the end of a tour.

Censors allowed correspondents to report rock-throwing at the West German embassy, since Russia's Bonn offices were stoned, but clamped down on reports of home-made fire-bombs. They could mention the demonstration at the American embassy, but not the rockthrowing; nor the Red cop's order to the mob that "rock-throwing was not on the agenda," nor the fact that some demonstrators were smiling while shaking fists; nor security measures taken in advance by U.S. Marines.

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Good-bye, -Good-bye, -30-Good-bye, # # #

Dr. J.F. Montague, OPC member and author, has written to the Club proposing a new printer's symbol to end stories. The medico also has devised symbols for continuations - both "to" and "from" - but the Overseas Press Bulletin hasn't figured out how to show them at this time without using artwork.

ORIENT TOUR

Esther Merrick Crane, a fifteen-year newspaper veteran in the Far East, is taking a tour party to the Orient in October.

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A staffer on the pre-war Japan Advertiser, and feature writer for the Pacific Stars and Stripes, Mrs. Crane has been appearing on the lecture platform for women's clubs and corresponding for the English edition of the Asahi Evening News. Her husband is Burton Crane, N.Y. Times staffer.

HELEN SLADE DIES

Helen Slade, financial analyst and writer, died July 18 of a blood disease in New York.

Miss Slade, who was the wife of Henry S. Sanders, vice president of the Bankers Trust Co., founded the Analysts Journal in 1944 and was its managing editor until her death. She was also columnist for the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, Barron's, Forbes Magazine and British periodicals.

LONG TO UPI

Wellington "Bill" Long, with UP from 1946 until 1954; part of the time as Bonn bureau manager, is back with UPI covering from London.

Long left in 1954 to go with Scripps-Howard. He rejoined UPI the end of June and is based in London as a staff correspondent.

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT'S NOTEBOOK"

by Serge Fliegers

Beirut, Lebanon - This is a funny kind of war that has brought the Marines and a passle of journalists across the ocean.

Saeb Salam has been described in the West as the "fierce leader of the rebels, directing operations from his barbed-wire stronghold in the Casbah of Beirut."

But every day, between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. operations stop — so that Mr. Salam can give a news conference for American correspondents and TV men.

Taxis draw up at the sand-bagged tank-trap guarding the approach to Salam's headquarters. Newsmen pour out. A fierce looking guard, with a rifle slung across his back and a pistol tucked in his trouser band, carefully searches each reporter for concealed weapons.

Then he shows his blackened teeth in a grin and demands: "Bakhshish, effendi?" - The tip, please?

During the news conference, Salam serves innumerable cups of Turkish coffee, and rants against the United Stages, which he calls "an aggressor." Then everyone gets up and politely shakes hands.

LIFE WITH CASTRO

Cuban rebels of Fidel Castro's forces pay natives for food and lodging but consider American supplies fair game for pilfering.

They include some families who recognize no government at all because their ancestors "appropriated" their land from the King of Spain.

But they're courteous to American correspondents and rebel-host Raul Castro personally served meals to honored press guests, forebearing to eat until they'd finished.

So report the Life team of Lee Hall. George Skadding and Jay Mallin, who spent two days behind the lines for a picture story during the recent negotiations to free captured Americans.

NEWSMAN DIES IN BOLIVIA

More than 1,000 mourners walked behind the body of Luis Vicente Zavala, a UP stringer for 24 years, in a funeral procession July 25 in La Paz. Zavala left a sick-bed to cover the disorders of July 22 and 23. He had a heart attack.



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Dear Editor.

Foster Hailey, N.Y. Times correspondent, was reported in your issue of June 21 as saying: "Even the Nationalist leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek, (is) convinced he (will) never return to the mainland."

This is so contrary to President Chiang's outlook as expressed publicly and privately that I can scarcely let it pass unchallenged. Mr. Hailey has not been here (as far as I know) for two years. Geraldine Fitch

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government.

"AP never received dispatch which reportedly was basis of Oufi confinement and therefore he is completely blameless for circulating rumors concerning Jamali.

"Am confident that your government being dedicated to preservation of individual liberty and freedom, will want to act promptly to rectify this injustice."

Inquiries through State Department officials in Baghdad, and Carter's request to Sayid Sadik Schamshal, Minister of Information, brought no response on either the charge against the Iraqi citizen nor the place of confinement.

AP officials described Oufi as a "competent newsman" on the basis of his work over the past three years.

John F. Day, OPC Freedom of the Press Committee chairman, also inaugurated an inquiry into the facts of the case preparatory to intervening in Oufi's behalf if the situation warrants.

SENIOR MEMBERS (Cont'd from p. 1)

Robert Conway N.Y. Daily News, a member of the Board of Governors, prepared and introduced the amendment.

"Reduction in dues rate payments extends recognition to our older members previously offered to many others — by providing low rates for members who are overseas, by waiving entrance fees for working newspapermen in this year's drive to get more young journalists in the Club and in establishing free membership for all past presidents of the OPC," said Conway.

Those who qualify for lower retirement dues will retain all Club privileges, including the right to vote and hold elective OPC offices.

VISA REFUSALS RECIPROCAL?

A resolution requesting State Department refusal of reentry visas to two Russian correspondents planning vacations from their assignment in the U.S. has been passed by the Pennsylvania Department, V.F.W., and read into the Congressional Record by Rep. Francis E. Walter.

The proposal is offered as "reciprocation" for the Soviet Union's refusal to readmit CBS News correspondent Daniel Schorr, and would be effective until Schorr's request for reentry is approved or "satisfactory reason is given."

The resolution also proposes expulsion from Congressional press galleries of Communist correspondents. It was forwarded to the Vice President, Secretary of State, several Congressional committee chairmen, and the chairman of the press gallery's standing committee of correspondents.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ACTIVE

Joseph F. Brown - Brazil Herald, Rio de Janeiro.

Donald Stuart Connery - Time, Inc., New Delhi.

Rex R. Goad - NBC.

Jane C. Grant - free-lance.

Bernard John Morka - UPI.

Joe Alex Morris, Jr., N.Y. Herald Tribune, Beirut.

Daniel T. O'Brien - MBS.
Boris Shub - Radio Liberation.
Lynn C. Thomas - Anchorage Daily News.

ASSOCIATE

Selig Altschul - American Aviation.
John Patrick Costello - NBC.
Bert Cowlan - WBAI
Albin Dearing - Albin Dearing, Inc.
Ruth P. Duell - Duell, Sloan & Pearce.
Harry Elbaum - Maxton Publishers, Inc.
Josephine Noyes Felts - free-lance.

Jean Jaffe, of the Day-Jewish Journal, New York, was the first OPC member to visit the Manila Overseas Press Club under the new exchange arrangement.

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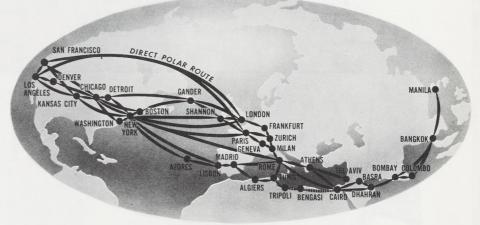
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